

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-58 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 41, 46, 47, 51, and 52 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 41, 46, 47, 51, and 52. Claims 1-52 are rejected. Claims 53-58 are objected to.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101, 103(a), and 112.

The Examiner has suggested various grammatical changes to claims 1-3, 6, 11, 19, 32-36, 39, 40, 42, 43, 47, and 48. Claims 1-51 stand provisionally rejected for various reasons relating to double-patenting under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 37, 38, 41, and 51 stand rejected for various reasons under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-3, 6-18, 20-23, 25, 32-38, 46, and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ZA 8006992.

Claims 1-51 have been cancelled in this Response, so the above rejections and suggested grammatical changes no longer apply to any of claims 1-51. To clarify the present invention recited, claim 52 has been amended in this Response to include the limitation(s) of claim 53, and claim 53 has been cancelled accordingly. Thus, ZA 8006992 fails to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the claims as amended. Claims 54-58 have been amended for proper dependency from now-allowable claim 52, as amended, which overcomes the objections to claims 53-58. Withdrawal of the above rejections and objections is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes this Response is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this

Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/LYNN/0144.B of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

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